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1. The 1st (Hristo Botev) Battalion of the Georgi Dimitrov National Youth Construction Brigade is divided into eleven otred (detachments) which are further divided into cheta (companies) and yadra (squads).
2. The present total strength of the 1st Battalion is 3,925. This will be raised to its full strength of 10,000 when recruits are available during the university and school summer vacations. Members who have not completed military training are trained in the use of automatic weapons.
3. The staff of the 1st Battalion is quartered in the village of Meshitza near Sofia. The commander of all Youth Brigade units in the Sofia area is Bogdan Bogdanov.
4. The uniform of the Youth Brigade consists of a gray-blue or gray-khaki beret, gray-blue shirt with two breast pockets and buttoned collar, gray-blue trousers gathered at the ankle, black military boots and a gray military greatcoat with blue epaulettes. The only distinguishing marks of rank so far observed are the differing types of headgear worn by unit and sub-unit commanders. These are:

Cheta commander - Blue military cap with a red band and an oval red badge bearing the insignia of the hammer and sickle.

Otred commander - The same with a blue band.

Battalion commander - The same with a gold band.

5. The otred of the 1st Battalion are named as follows:

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| (a) Stanke Dimitrov Marek | (i) Malitchka |
| (b) Zivko Zivkov | (j) Vladimir Zaymov |
| (c) Boets Protiv Fashizma | (k) Otomvriiska Revolutsia |
| (d) Benkovski | |
| (e) Slavtcho Radomirski | |
| (f) Trudeva Gvardia - commanded by David Solomonov | |
| (g) Valentin Andreev | |
| (h) Dobri Terpechev - commanded by Niki for Stoytechkov | |

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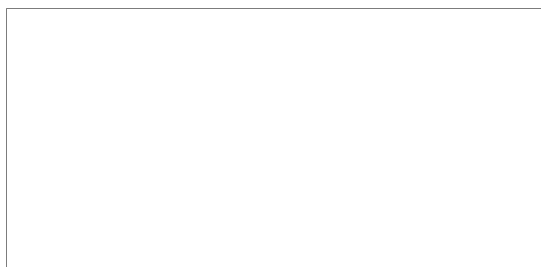
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6. The commander of the 2nd (Alexander Stamboliski) Battalion is Gotcho Kostov.
7. The formation of additional Youth Brigades in Bulgaria is not contemplated for the time being.



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